

## CANNY SCOTCHMAN TALKS ABOUT STEEL

Like Other Pawky Chiefs,  
Stevenson Knew How to Take  
Eagles Off Red Hot Stove.

### SHOOK THE APPLE TREE

Wife Told Him to Sell at "Judicious Price," and He Got Bonds or Coin, Not Stock.

As brisk a narrative as the investigators into the growth of the United States Steel Corporation have listened to since the hearings began at the Custom House in the Government's suit against the Steel Corporation, developed yesterday when John Stevenson, Jr., who is described as the only man who ever refused a partnership with Andrew Carnegie, took the stand, Mr. Stevenson has been at arm's length with other steel men of this country since 1875. He is a Scotchman and used his Scotch humor on both Henry F. Cotton, the Government's lawyer, and Richard V. Lindabury, who represents the Steel Corporation.

Mr. Stevenson, who claims a remote relationship to Robert Louis Stevenson, founded the Shenango Valley Steel Company, which went into the National Steel Company, and was in at the beginning also of the Sharon Steel Company. When Mr. Stevenson spoke of the absorption of the Shenango into the National Steel Company, he said that he was not at all anxious to sell because "they were afraid the Lord wouldn't take care of them, and they wanted to get under the shelter of the combination." And then, when he helped to form another company which ultimately was taken over by a component of the Steel Corporation, he said he did so "because they wanted me to shake the apple tree again, as the boys say."

Mr. Lindabury, who had been making objections during Mr. Stevenson's testimony in the morning and with whom the Scotchman was waiting to shake matters on that account, started a cross-examination of the witness soon after the inquirers returned from lunch. Mr. Stevenson had his chance almost as soon as the questioning started again.

Mr. Lindabury wanted to know when Mr. Stevenson first entered the steel business. He replied that he started in the Carnegie Steel Company back in 1875.

"But as a boy," he said, "I happened to see Henry Bessemer blow his first heat of steel, and a fine mess he made of it."

"Did you stay and watch it?" asked Mr. Lindabury.

"No," replied Mr. Stevenson, "why, the man was a lawyer."

"Do you mean to imply that he made a mess of it on that account?" asked the Steel Corporation's attorney.

"Let me explain," said the Scotchman. "He tried it in Sheffield and found that the metal was too viscous. Then he used the Scotch metal and found it more fluid. You know the value of that kind of metal in the American eagle on the stove, you know."

But most of the gun was for the schoolboys who saw the stars. Later, he went to Sweden and made success of it."

"Ah, yes, made steel a success," said Mr. Lindabury. "Isn't that what the lawyers do before they get through?"

"What?" said Mr. Stevenson, "steel success?"

Mr. Stevenson told of the sale of the Shenango Valley Steel Company's tin plate works to the American Tin Plate Company. Mr. Cotton asked what the Shenango Valley company made.

"Pig iron and billets," said Mr. Stevenson.

Any thing else?" asked the lawyer.

"Money," said the Scotchman.

Mr. Cotton tried to find out what the cash value of the works were when the Shenango Valley Steel Company sold to the American Tin Plate Company.

"Now, Mr. Stevenson," he said, "what money value would you have put on it?"

"I have put it to my attorney," he said, "that I had my doubts." Mr. Stevenson pronounced it "three hundred."

"About the cash. But I will tell you that \$375,000 had been a good price, if they had had the cash."

He went on to say that Judge Moore and his associates had not given cash but stock in the American Tin Plate Company, and the amount of this stock was \$1,000,000.

Mr. Stevenson was asked to tell about competition in the early days of the American Steel and Wire Company. He said that competition was keen, and that the latter he played in business the worse the competition became.

"There was for many companies," he said, "and they were all legitimate. Every man's hand was raised against his neighbor."

"I said once," he went on, "we were meeting in the West End Hotel in Cleveland and fixed the price of wire nails at \$1.50 a keg and then we quit for lunch. Then Frank Backus went down stairs to the telephone and he was talking to me about the price, and I said, 'I have sent a telegram to a man saying, I have booked your order for 10,000 kegs at \$1.50.'"

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